

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding office action, and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-9 are rejected as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-9 have been amended to more clearly be directed towards an inkjet recording element comprising a support and at least one porous ink-receiving layer including at least one hydrosoluble binder and inorganic fillers, and further comprising at least one sulfonic polystyrene or one of its sulfonate salts in the ink-receiving layer in an amount effective for improving the ozone stability of said element. Support for such amendment is found generally throughout the specification, which teaches the use of such sulfonic polystyrenes and sulfonate salts in amounts effective for improving the ozone stability of porous inkjet recording elements as demonstrated in the Examples (see, e.g., discussion of porous elements in the paragraph bridging pages 2-3 and page 5, lines 11-12, and the statement at page 5, lines 16-18 that the use of the specified materials in accordance with the invention enables the ozone stability of images formed in such elements to be improved). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is accordingly respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

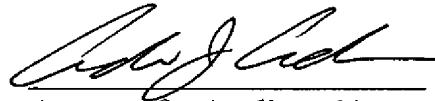
Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. As explained above, claims 1-9 have been amended to clarify that the claimed invention is directed towards an inkjet recording element. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is accordingly respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for

allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned in the event that a phone interview will expedite prosecution of this application towards allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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